

REMARKS

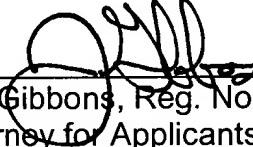
Applicants have studied the Office Action dated October 3, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated the affidavit filed under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Carroll reference because

Accordingly, the Applicants hereby submit a new affidavit under 37 CFR § 1.131 stating and including evidence that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the effective date of Carroll. Applicants submit that Carroll is now removed as a reference under 102 and 103. It is submitted that the present response places the application in condition for allowance or, at least, presents the application in better form for appeal. Entry of the present response is therefore respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned if that would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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